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page 5**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 19 remain in the application.

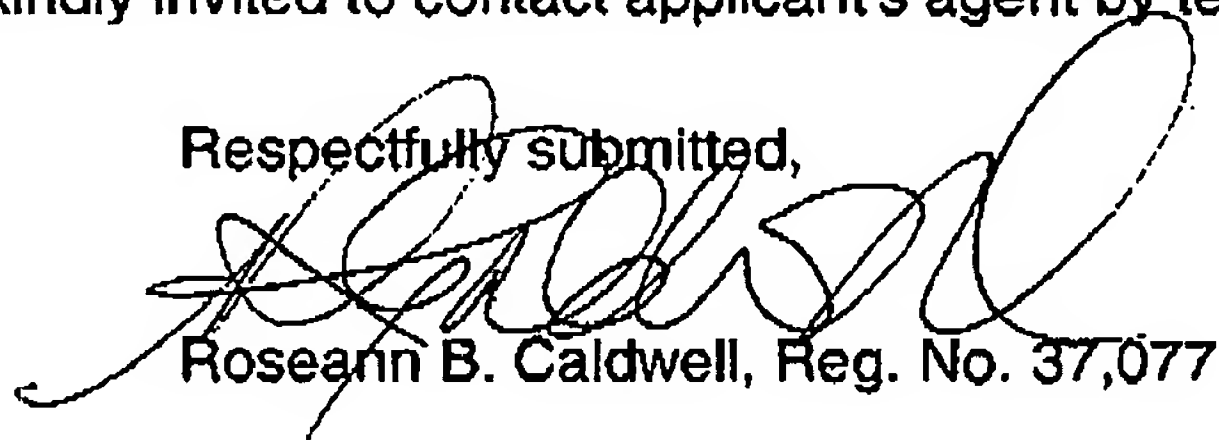
Claims 1-12, 15, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Woods, which is US Patent no. 6,443,985. Claims 1 and 16 were also rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelman, which is US Patent no. 4,463,457.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to differentiate over these cited prior patents. In particular, claim 1, has been amended to clarify that the membrane is connected between the optic and the haptic to space the haptic from the optic. Since, both Woods and Kelman disclose an intraocular lens where the haptic is not spaced from, but instead connected to the optic, this amendment to claim 1 patentably distinguishes the current invention over the cited prior art. This claimed difference renders the operation and response of the presently claimed intraocular lens significantly different than the prior lenses of the cited prior art. Favorable reconsideration of these prior art rejections is respectfully requested.

Since, in applicant's opinion, the clarification of claim 1 clearly differentiates the current invention over the cited prior art and renders moot the rejections to the dependent claims, applicant did not consider those rejections at this time.

Applicants have addressed all rejections raised by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner considers that there are any outstanding issues, she is kindly invited to contact applicant's agent by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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